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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO
FEBRUARY 18, 1999 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND SUPPLEMENTAL
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AS A FIRST SUBMISSION

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action issued by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on February 18, 1999 in connection with the above-identified application and as a first submission pursuant to a Communication Requesting Withdrawal of finality under 37 C.F.R. 1.129(a) of the February 18, 1999 Final Office Action.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the claims

Please cancel claims 90-96 without prejudice to applicants right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a later-filed application and add new claims 97-103 as follows.

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(New) A method of detecting micrometastatic prostate tumor cells in a subject which comprises:
a) obtaining a suitable sample of mRNA from the subject;

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